

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S187–S231

Measures Introduced: Twenty-two bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 115–136, and S. Res. 18. **Pages S219–20**

Measures Considered:

Strengthening America's Security in the Middle East Act: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 1, to make improvements to certain defense and security assistance provisions and to authorize the appropriation of funds to Israel, to reauthorize the United States-Jordan Defense Cooperation Act of 2015, and to halt the wholesale slaughter of the Syrian people. **Pages S187–92, S192–97**

Sanctions With Respect to the Russian Federation—Agreement: Senate began consideration of S. J. Res. 2, disapproving the President's proposal to take an action relating to the application of certain sanctions with respect to the Russian Federation, after agreeing to the motion to proceed. **Pages S202–08**

Prior to the consideration of this measure, Senate took the following action:

By 42 yeas to 57 nays (Vote No. 4), Senate failed to table the motion to proceed to consideration of the joint resolution. **Page S201**

By 57 yeas to 42 nays (Vote No. 5), Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to consideration of the joint resolution. **Pages S201–02**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the joint resolution, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, and pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement of Tuesday, January 15, 2019, a vote on cloture will occur at 12:30 p.m., on Wednesday, January 16, 2019. **Page S208**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the joint resolution at approximately 10 a.m., on Wednesday, January 16, 2019, with the time until 12:30 p.m. equally divided between the two Leaders, or their designees; and that notwithstanding the provisions of

Rule XXII, the vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the joint resolution occur at 12:30 p.m., and if the motion to invoke cloture is not agreed to, the joint resolution be returned to the calendar. **Page S227**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

1 Air Force nomination in the rank of general.

6 Army nominations in the rank of general.

26 Marine Corps nominations in the rank of general.

1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—5) **Pages S201–02**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:10 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Wednesday, January 16, 2019. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S227.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee began hearings to examine the nomination of William Pelham Barr, of Virginia, to be Attorney General, Department of Justice, after the nominee, who was introduced by former Senator Orrin G. Hatch, testified and answer questions in his own behalf, but did not complete action thereon.

Hearing recessed subject to the call and will meet again at 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, January 16, 2019.

BUSINESS MEETING

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee adopted its rules of procedure for the 116th Congress.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 36 public bills, H.R. 545–580; 1 private bill, H.R. 581; and 5 resolutions, H.J. Res. 29–30; and H. Res. 42, 44–45, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 43, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 268) making supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019, and for other purposes, and waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules (H. Rept. 116–2).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Welch to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Recess: The House recessed at 11:03 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon.

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Committee Elections: The House agreed to H. Res. 42, electing Members to certain standing committees of the House of Representatives.

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Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Federal Employee Antidiscrimination Act of 2019: H.R. 135, to amend the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002 to strengthen Federal antidiscrimination laws enforced by the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission and expand accountability within the Federal Government, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nay vote of 424 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 33;

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Federal Intern Protection Act of 2019: H.R. 136, to amend title 5, United States Code, to protect unpaid interns in the Federal Government from workplace harassment and discrimination;

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Inspector General Access Act of 2019: H.R. 202, to amend the Inspector General Act of 1978 relative to the powers of the Department of Justice Inspector General;

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All-American Flag Act: H.R. 113, to require the purchase of domestically made flags of the United States of America for use by the Federal Government;

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Federal CIO Authorization Act of 2019: H.R. 247, to amend chapter 36 of title 44, United States Code, to make certain changes relating to electronic Government services; and

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Rejecting White nationalism and White supremacy: H. Res. 41, rejecting White nationalism and White supremacy, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nay vote of 424 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 32.

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Suspensions: The House failed to agree to suspend the rules and pass the following measure:

Further Additional Continuing Appropriations Act, 2019: H.J. Res. 27, making further continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2019, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nay vote of 237 yeas to 187 nays, Roll No. 31.

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Suspension—Proceedings Postponed: The House debated the following measure under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed.

Grant Reporting Efficiency and Agreements Transparency Act of 2019: H.R. 150, to modernize Federal grant reporting.

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H556.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yeas-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H578–79, H579–80, and H580. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:44 p.m.

Committee Meetings

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2019

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 268, the “Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2019”. The Committee granted, by record vote of 8–4, a structured rule providing for consideration of H.R. 268. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 116–2, modified by the amendment printed in part A of the Committee report, shall be considered as adopted and the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended. The rule provides that clause 2(e) of rule XXI shall not apply during consideration of the bill. The rule makes in order only those further amendments printed in part B of the Committee report. Each such further amendment may be offered only in the order printed in this report, may be offered only by a Member designated in this report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in this report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in this report. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. The rule waives clause 6(a) of rule XIII (requiring a two-thirds vote to consider a rule on the same day it is reported from the Rules Committee) with respect to resolutions reported from the Rules Committee through the legislative

day of January 23, 2019, making or continuing appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019. Testimony was heard from Chairman Lowey, and Representatives Granger, Garamendi, Dunn, González-Colón of Puerto Rico, Panetta, Graves of Louisiana, Mullin, and Westerman.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16, 2019

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, to hold hearings to examine the future of nuclear power, focusing on advanced reactors, 2:30 p.m., SD–138.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: organizational business meeting to consider committee rules for the 116th Congress, 10 a.m., SD–106.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Andrew Wheeler, of Virginia, to be Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, 10 a.m., SD–406.

Committee on the Judiciary: to continue hearings to examine the nomination of William Pelham Barr, of Virginia, to be Attorney General, Department of Justice, 9:30 a.m., SH–216.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 10 a.m., SH–219.

Special Committee on Aging: to hold hearings to examine fighting elder fraud, focusing on progress made and work to be done, 9:30 a.m., SD–562.

House

Committee on Rules, Full Committee, hearing on legislation on the Further Additional Continuing Appropriations Act, 2019, 3:45 p.m., H–313 Capitol.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Wednesday, January 16

Senate Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Senate will continue consideration of S. J. Res. 2, Sanctions with Respect to the Russian Federation, and vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the joint resolution at 12:30 p.m.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Wednesday, January 16

House Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Consideration of H.R. 268—Disaster Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2019 (Subject to a Rule).

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